

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WALLASEY
EDUCATION COMMITTEE



REPORT

OF THE

Principal School Medical Officer
For the Year 1972



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Medical Officer of Health and Principal School Medical Officer: Dr. H.W.HALL, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Deceased September 1972.

Medical Officer of Health & Principal School Medical Officer: Dr. W.F. CHRISTIAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Appointed December 1972.

Assistant Medical Officers of Health and School Medical Officers:

Dr. SHEILA BELL, M.B., Ch.B.
 Dr. ESME I. GRANT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
 (part-time sessional basis)
 Dr. RUTH MEACHIM, L.R.C.P. (E), L.R.C.S.
 (E), L.R.F.P. & S. (G) (part-time sessional basis)
 Dr. D.A.GREGSON (part-time sessional basis)
 appointed 18/10/72

Principal School Dental Officer:

Mr. W.J.MEAKIN, L.D.S., R.C.S.

Senior Dental Officer:

Mr. E.L.Barry B.D.S. Appointed 1.2.72

School Dental Officers:

Mr. W.A.HENDERSON, L.D.S.
 Mr. E.G. MASON, L.D.S.

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Mrs. U.BROWN
 Mrs. A.HENDER
 Mrs. K. MASON
 Mrs. W.A. HEYES
 Mrs. M.WOODS (part-time)
 Mrs. S. KAYE (part-time)

Superintendent Health Visitor/School Nurse:

Mrs. K.SCHOFIELD, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.
 Certificate

Health Visitors/School Nurses:

Miss E.M.MORGAN, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.
 Certificate
 Miss E.WHITBURN, S.R.N. S.C.M.H.V. Certificate
 Miss K.E. HIGGINS, S.R.N., S.C.M., (Part 1),
 H.V. Certificate
 Miss M.HUGHES, S.R.N., S.C.M., (Part 1),
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 Miss J. LITTLEMORE, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.
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 Certificate
 Miss W. LACY, S.R.N., S.C.M.H.V. Certificate

Mrs. A.P. MENET, S.R.N. (Part 1) H.V. Certificate
 Mrs. D. WINTERBURN, S.R.N., S.C.M., (Part 1)
 H.V. Certificate (part-time)
 Mrs. P.I. WILSON, S.R.N., Q.I.D.N.S.
 Mrs. M.D. ROWLANDS, S.R.N. (Part-time)
 Mrs. M.S. EDWARDS, S.R.N. (Part-time)
 Mrs. C.M. BEAUFORT, S.E.N. (part-time)
 Mrs. P. CASHIN S.E.N. (Part-time)
 Miss C. BOYSTER S.R.N. Appointed 4.9.72

Visiting Specialists:

Mr. J.D. ELLIOTT EDWARDS, M.B., Ch.B.,
 D.O.M.S. (Ophthalmic Specialist)
 Mr. J.C. SANDEMAN, M.B., M.Ch.Ortho.
 F.R.C.S., F.C.S., (S.A.), F.R.C.S.E.
 (Orthopaedic Specialist)
 Mr. A.K. BARUAH E.N.T. Consultant Appointed
 18.4.72

Dr. G. EGAN, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.M. (Psychiatrist)

Physiotherapists:

Mr. K. JONES, M.C.S.P.
 Mrs. J.M. BRUNDRET M.C.S.P.

Speech Therapist:

Mrs. M. Ingram L.C.S.T. Appointed 1.6.72
 Mrs. S. Smith L.C.S.T. Appointed 1.9.72

Educational Psychologists:

Mr. B.A. BOURNE, B.A. (Hons). Cert. Ed.
 Mr. D.O. JONES B.S.C. (Econ) Appointed 1.8.72
 Mrs. S. GROTH-LARSON B.A. Appointed 1.9.72

Social Workers:

Mrs. U. BARRETT-LENNARD, Diploma in Social
 Science
 Mrs. M.K. DORAN B.A. Appointed 1.9.72

Administrative Staff:

Mr. R.P. ALLEN
 Mrs. B. RADCLIFFE
 Mrs. E.E. HILL (part-time)
 Mrs. G.V. PATTINSON Resigned 31.1.72
 Mrs. M.G. HENDERSON (Part-time)
 Mrs. J. CUSSONS Appointed 1.2.72 - Resigned 28.7.72
 Mrs. A.M. BYRON Appointed 1.10.72

Audiometrician:

Mrs. J. WEBSTER (Part-time)

Visual Screener:

Mrs. J. EDWARDS (part-time) Resigned 15.6.72.
 Mrs. P. EASTWOOD (Part-time) Appointed 16.6.72

Health Education Officer:

Mr. C.J. NELSON M.R.I.P.H.H. Appointed 1.4.72

Orthoptist

Mrs. J. EDWARDS (Part-time) Appointed 21.4.72

Town Hall,
Wallasey.
July, 1973.

To the Chairman and Members of the Education Committee:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

To submit a report on the School Health Service for this town for the year 1972 is a privilege - one which I do not deserve as I took no part in this work. However, it is an honour to write this foreword to the memory of two colleagues, namely, Dr. Howard Hall who died in September 1972 and then to Dr. Christian, his Deputy for so many years, who during his time worked so hard for the Health of the schoolchildren of Wallasey. Dr. Christian was Principal School Medical Officer and Medical Officer of Health for only a few months before he died, too young, in February 1973. The children of Wallasey have lost in so short a space of time two dedicated friends who over the years have perfected the health of this County Borough. I know they would be grateful, as I am, to the various members of the School Health Service Staff for the information which they have provided for the compilation of this Report and in particular to my Deputy for her share in it.

The general standard of health of the Wallasey schoolchildren remained at a high level and all pupils examined at routine inspection were found to be satisfactory.

Mention was made in last year's report of the proposed Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics. These commenced on 18th April and sessions are held once a month at the Water Street Clinic. The clinics have proved to be most successful and further mention is made of this service in Dr. Bell's contribution to this Report - I thank her for all her work.

Consideration has been given during the year to the introduction of a system of selective school medical examinations, which would enable the School Medical Officers to concentrate more on the children who need extra attention. Schoolchildren now-a-days are by and large very fit and healthy and it is felt that the available medical man-power can be used to the best advantage in this way.

Mention was also made in last year's report of the proposed re-organisation of Local Government and of the Health Services. As from 1st April 1974, the "Wirral" Area Health Authority will correspond with the "Wirral" Local Government Metropolitan District comprising Wallasey, Birkenhead and parts of the present Cheshire County

Council. A Working Party on which Wallasey is represented is looking into all aspects of the service and it is hoped that a more comprehensive service will emerge in the future.

I should like to acknowledge the support and co-operation of the Director of Education and his staff and the interest shown by the members of the Education Committee.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

P. O. Nicholas

Acting Principal School Medical Officer.

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STAFF

Last year in this section of the Report we mentioned the difficulty encountered in appointing Speech Therapists. During the year we were fortunate in appointing 2 Speech Therapists, and thus completing the establishment of one and a half Speech Therapists, one Speech Therapist being employed on a joint appointment basis with the Hospital Management Committee. After being without a full Speech Therapy service for many years we were able to tackle the long waiting lists and to extend the service to include the four Assessment Units and the ordinary schools.

During the year an Orthoptist was appointed to assist Mr. Edwards the consultant eye specialist. Two sessions per week are held at the Merton Road Clinic. Children are assessed and referred by Mr. Edwards to the Orthoptist for eye exercises.

A further appointment made during the year was that of a Health Education Officer on a joint basis with Birkenhead Local Authority. Mr. Nelson has been to all the third tier schools and the College of Education showing films and giving talks on a whole range of subjects concerning health and environmental problems. Visits have also been made to the middle tier schools and talks given regarding the misuse of drugs, effects of smoking, etc.

Liaison with Hospitals.

The Department continues to receive notifications from hospitals when children are discharged, giving the diagnosis on discharge. This enables us to arrange follow up visits where these are indicated. If the child appears to be handicapped, investigations will be made by the School Medical Officer to decide whether a placement in a special school would be advisable. At present there are approximately 20 handicapped children in Elleray Park School suffering from spina bifida, with or without hydrocephalus, who need regular supervision by paediatric or orthopaedic surgeons. To obviate the need for these children to attend hospital, the surgeons concerned visit Elleray Park each term, together with representatives of the appliance firms, and examine these children and order any investigation or changes in appliances which are indicated.

Liaison with General Practitioners.

Children suffering from conditions other than ocular orthopaedic or psychological, who require the advice of a consultant, are referred first of all to their family doctors with a letter advising them of the condition present. In the case of ocular, orthopaedic or psychological disorders, the children are referred to the local authority's own consultants who attend various local authority clinics each week. When a direct referral to a consultant takes place in this way, a letter is sent to the General Practitioner following the medical examination, informing him of the consultant's findings. General Practitioners are also advised when their patients have been ascertained by the School Medical Officer as requiring special education and have been placed in a special school.

Handicapped Children Needing Special Education.

The procedure of ascertainment, as laid down in Section 34 of the Education Act 1944, continues in force whereby a Medical Officer of the Authority examines children who are handicapped and may require special education and makes appropriate recommendations to the Authority. Now, however, there is no question of having to make a decision to recommend a child as unsuitable for education at school as was the case before Section 57 of the Education Act 1944 was repealed. This is because the Junior Training Centre, which used to be administered by the Health Department, is now a school of the Education Department and has been re-named Moreton Cross Special School. Medical inspections are carried out by Dr. Christian as before for the Wallasey children at the school, but the Birkenhead children are now seen regularly by a doctor on the staff of Birkenhead Corporation. This ensures continuity of supervision. In addition, visits are paid from time to time by the Educational Psychologist, Peripatetic Teacher for hearing impaired children, and Dental Officer.

There is now provision in Wallasey for the education of children with a variety of handicaps - viz: Progress Assessment Units for mentally handicapped pre-school children at Park Primary and Eastway Primary Schools, Moreton Cross Special School for Mentally Handicapped Children between the ages of 4 years and 16 years, Claremount Day Special School for E.S.N. children between the ages of 7 years and 16 years, Elleray Park Day Special School for delicate and physically handicapped children between approximately 4 years and 16 years; Pinetree

School for emotionally disturbed children who require special help with their education - at present this school is only in the embryo stage and occupying two classrooms in a pre-fabricated building on St. George's Road. Eventually the pupils will attend a purpose built school in the Moreton area which will accommodate 50 pupils of both sexes from 7 years to 17 years. A peripatetic teacher for children with impaired hearing attends ordinary schools and the special school etc. For those children for whom special education cannot be provided in Wallasey, placement is arranged in special schools elsewhere. The table at the end of the report gives details of the handicapped children ascertained etc. during the year.

Medical Inspections

The number of periodic medical inspections carried out during the year was as follows; the figures for the previous two years are shown for comparison:

Entrants			Leavers			Others		
1972	1971	1970	1972	1971	1970	1972	1971	1970
1,682	1,725	1,550	1,096	802	1,286	1,667	1,923	1,647

Special Inspections (which include cases seen at school at the request of the staff or school nurse and cases seen for the first time by the school medical officers at the clinics).

1972	1971	1970
986	1,096	1,113

Reinspections (children noted at previous periodic inspection as suffering from some defect or disability which required periodic review).

1972	1971	1970
458	382	388

The general condition of pupils examined at routine inspections was as follows:—

	Number	Percentage
Satisfactory	4,444	99.75%
Unsatisfactory	1	00.25%

Elleray Park, Claremount and Moreton Cross Special Schools were visited monthly by Dr. Christian. Children admitted to Pinetree School are medically examined prior to their admission. When the new school is completed and in occupation, children will be examined annually on the school premises.

As a result of these medical inspections, a variety of medical and psychological conditions are brought to light which require treatment or observation. The tables on pages 26 and 27 show the number of defects found during the year.

All children at the intermediate medical inspection are tested with the Ishihara Charts for any defects of colour vision. Head Teachers are informed when a defect is found as this knowledge may help in deciding on a career.

The visual acuity of schoolchildren is tested at the following times:—

- (a) School entry - As very few children know their letters at this inspection, the "E" test is used.
- (b) Between 7 and 8 years with the Keystone Vision Screener.
- (c) During the second year in the middle tier schools.
- (d) Before leaving the third tier schools.

When defects are found, arrangements are made for the affected children to attend the school eye clinics where they will be examined by a specialist, or if they so wish they can visit a sight testing optician.

Of course parents can, at any time, bring their children to see the school doctor at the clinic if they suspect the presence of an ocular defect, and if a defect is found an appointment will be made to see the Eye Specialist.

The following facilities are provided for the schoolchildren in the Borough:—

Minor Ailments Clinics.

Staffed by a nurse, at which minor injuries, skin sepsis, warts, sprains, are treated. To enable the nurses to spend more time inspecting the children in school, sessions were reduced during the year. The numbers of children attending these clinics have fallen in recent years.

Consultation Clinics.

Attended by a Medical Officer at which medical and psychological problems can be investigated in more detail than is possible at a school inspection. Children with warts which do not respond to treatment at the minor ailments clinics, are also treated with carbon dioxide "snow" at these clinics.

Audiology Clinics.

For the assessment of children's hearing, using a pure tone audiometer and for the treatment of those children whose hearing is found to be defective.

Speech Therapy Clinics.

At which a qualified Speech Therapist treats a variety of speech disorders.

Eye Clinics.

At which a visiting Ophthalmic Specialist carries out refractions and orders spectacles where necessary.

Orthopaedic Clinics.

At which a visiting orthopaedic surgeon examines and prescribes treatment for children with defects of bones joints or musculature.

Child Guidance Clinic.

At which a team consisting of a visiting psychiatrist, an educational psychologist, and a social worker, treat children with a variety of educational and psychological problems.

Ultra Violet Light Clinics.

At which debilitated children and children with certain skin conditions are exposed to the rays from an ultra violet lamp.

Enuresis Clinics

At which suitable cases are recommended to use an electric alarm device to cure their bedwetting.

Convalescence.

Arrangements are made for children for whom no other provision would be adequate, to be sent to a convalescent home for a period of four to eight weeks.

Parents of children can avail themselves of any of the services listed above, or, if they wish, can obtain treatment through their family doctors.

Other Duties of School Medical Officers.

As well as medically inspecting schoolchildren, the school medical officers carry out the following duties:-

The ascertainment of children who require special educational treatment in an ordinary school, a day special school or a residential special school.

The testing of children in the secondary schools for evidence of tuberculin sensitivity and the vaccination with B.C.G. Vaccine of those showing no sensitivity. This vaccine will protect the children from tuberculosis for a number of years.

The inoculation of children to protect them against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles and German measles (girls 11-13 years).

The examination of children who wish to take up employment out of school hours, to take part in public entertainment, or to go to school camps.

The medical examination of candidates for training colleges, and teachers appointed to this Authority.

The examination of all persons employed in the school meals service who are concerned with the handling, preparation, or cooking of food.

The visiting in their own houses of those children who are receiving home teaching under the provisions of section 56 of the Education Act 1944. During the year 8 children were receiving home teaching.

An important aspect of our work is health education. No opportunity is lost during the performance of the aforementioned functions to advise both parents and children on matters of health.

The medical staff are available to visit Junior and Secondary Schools, at the request of Head Teachers, to give talks on health matters and to show films on subjects such as the dangers of smoking.

Since the Department of Education and Science issued the provision of milk & meals (amendment No. 2) Regulations 1971. The numbers of children examined by the medical officers has decreased a little the sources of referral were as follows.

1971	1972 New Cases
186 Granted Milk	Perusal of school record cards 91
	Application by parents 13
	Referral by head teachers 11
	Referral by health visitors 4
	Referral by general practioners 2
	Referral by another authority 4
	Referral by hospital 1
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	126
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	Children Re-Examined During 1972
	122
	34 - Did not require milk
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	88
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Observations of Dr. Sheila Bell, School Medical Officer.

The health of the Wallasey school children remains at a satisfactory level. We are continuing to provide free school milk on medical grounds wherever necessary.

There appears to be an increase in the incidence of planter verrucae, especially in schools where they do P.E. in bare feet.

As a Local Authority we are participating in a national surveillance of congenital rubella defects. In 1972 six children were thought to be suffering from congenital rubella. One parent refused to co-operate, and the blood samples of the other five were negative.

In April, Mr. Baruah commenced his monthly Consultant E.N.T. clinics at Water Street Clinic. The Audiometrist, Mrs. Halligan the Peripatetic Teacher of the Deaf, and myself assist him. These clinics are most successful, they are well attended and co-ordinate the services for the partially deaf child. A great improvement has been shown in the waiting list for tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy. It has dropped from a few years to a few months and children who require myringotomy are often operated on within the month. We are most grateful to Mr. Baruah for the help and hard work he has provided. The straight forward tonsils and adenoids cases are dealt with at Clatterbridge Hospital and other cases are operated on at Birkenhead Children's Hospital. Post-operatively the children are followed up at Water Street Clinic by Mr. Baruah.

At the end of May, I attended a course at the Department of Audiology at Manchester University. This was of great interest and help in the aetiology and early diagnosis of the deaf and partially deaf child. It is most important that the deaf child is diagnosed as early as possible so that help in speech, and later reading, can be started as soon as possible. They are all encouraged to use speech and not sign language. Mr. Jack Ashley M.P. is a marvellous example of how deaf people can be taught to speak and take up a normal life and career.

There are improvements to be made in hearing aids and in the servicing and repairing of such aids, we appreciate Mrs. Halligan's services in this field.

It is important that more parents should be encouraged to bring their children for immunisation. We now have Mr. Nelson, the Health Education Officer, to assist us in this direction.

There are a number of children each year who have orthopaedic defects such as flat feet or knock-knees due entirely to obesity, the only treatment is diet but this is difficult for parents to enforce. We suggest that these children attend one of the clinics once a month for a weight check and general encouragement.

We still have the perennial problem of the enuretic child. The "bell-ringing" machines will only assist in ideal conditions - i.e. the child must have a bed and a room of his own, that there is the utmost co-operation of the parents and the child. This is borne out by the success of the machine on enuretic children in Wimbrick Hey which is run so efficiently.

We are lucky in now having the services of two Speech Therapists, one part-time. Children referred by us have their hearing tested first and, on request, a full medical examination.

Apart from the routine school medical inspections, we are available to do special medicals on any school child, whether state or private, at the request of parent or school teacher or another Department.

Provision for Children with Orthopaedic Defects.

We are fortunate in having the services of Mr. Sandeman, Orthopaedic Surgeon, to provide advice and treatment for children with orthopaedic defects. During the year 1,435 children were seen by him, and of these 513 were new patients. The number discharged from treatment during the year was 191, the number referred to hospital was 25.

Mr. Sandeman holds regular clinics at the Ellera Park Day Special School for Physically Handicapped Children, many of whom suffer from orthopaedic handicaps. At these sessions there is also in attendance the Headmaster, School Nurse, two Physiotherapists and an appliance fitter—thus ensuring co-ordination of the various services.

Mr. Sandeman expresses his satisfaction with the smooth transfer of information between hospital and local authority staff on cases under his care and mentions the efficient way in which the large number of children who attend his school clinic are managed by the secretarial staff.

He is looking forward to the opening of the new Clinic to replace Merton Road, where additional facilities will be provided.

Physiotherapy

Mrs. Brundrett took up a full time appointment during September, which meant that the physiotherapy department was fully staffed on its present establishment, the first time for many years. This enabled the equivalent of a full time physiotherapy service at Ellera Park School to be provided, divided between the two Physiotherapists.

One finds, as time goes on, how many parents, particularly those of spina bifida children, rely on the Physiotherapist to provide their children's full quota of physical therapy. This is wrong, of course; every attempt is made to indoctrinate all parents into the regime required to keep each child's deformities down to a minimum and activity up to a maximum, a regime that is basically very simple and within the scope of any parent. We continue to find, however, that on return from holidays, many of the children have regressed. To obviate this depressing state of affairs, arrangements were made this summer for one of the Physiotherapists to hold sessions at Birkenhead Children's Hospital, financed by the Hospital Authorities, so that treatment could be continued during the school holiday period. Alas, many were prominent by their absences, with subsequent contraction of joints being evident on return to school.

Report on the work of the Orthopaedic Clinic 1972

Number of Sessions held at the Authority's Clinics	51
Number of New Cases	513
Number of Re-examinations	922
Number of Cases discharged through Non-Attendance	178

Anatomical Classification of Conditions	New Cases				Re-examinations				Discharged				
	Pre-Sch Age		School Age		Pre-Sch Age		School Age		Cured	Left	Treatment Refused	Hospital	G.P.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.					
Foot	66	38	124	137	97	57	301	191	147	8	6	11	1
Lower Limb	13	21	26	42	37	34	55	67	51	2	2	3	1
Pelvis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spine & Thorax	2	3	1	8	5	5	11	24	12	2	2	6	-
Upper Limb	1	1	-	3	-	1	-	6	3	-	-	-	-
Face & Skull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central Nervous System	1	1	6	4	3	3	13	8	3	-	-	5	-
Other Conditions	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	-
Nothing Abnormal Diagnosed	3	-	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Total Cases on Register	1,454
Attendances for Treatment	4,737
New Cases for Physiotherapy Treatment ..	127
Orthopaedic Cases of School Age treated ..	1,066
" " treated at School	32
New " " of School Age	342
" " " " " discharged	191
Number of heel seats fitted	943
" " Orthopaedic Cases admitted to Hospital ..	25
Discharged for Non-Attendance	178

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	Visiting Orthopaedic Surgeon's Clinic			Artificial Sunlight Clinic		Asthma		Remedial Exs. incl Breathing Exes other than Asthma		Electrotherapy	
	New Pts.	Total Atts.	Disch.	New	No. Trts.	New	No. Trts.	New	No. Trts.	New	No. Trts.
January ..	24	89	15	7	257	1	8	1	141	-	14
February ..	47	124	20	11	201	4	13	9	179	3	16
March ..	66	139	12	1	364	-	12	2	121	4	26
April ..	20	87	13	12	269	-	12	6	107	3	1
May ..	37	119	11	1	334	3	16	1	182	2	12
June ..	59	122	19	-	312	1	6	1	176	4	28
July ..	59	123	19	1	-	-	1	-	99	4	24
August ..	42	135	22	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	16
September ..	23	119	20	20	246	1	3	1	163	-	16
October ..	42	119	16	3	306	-	1	-	177	2	11
November ..	58	148	32	12	285	-	2	3	198	2	8
December ..	36	111	20	-	215	-	2	-	100	1	10
TOTALS ..	513	1,435	219	68	2,789	10	76	24	1,690	25	182

School Psychological Service.

1972 saw a further increase in the calls made upon the Schools' Psychological Service by the agencies referring children for assessment and advice relative to learning difficulties, developmental and behavioural problems. The pressures which ensued from an increase in the demands made upon the Service were alleviated by an increase in staff at the Clinic. The services of an additional Psychologist and an additional Social Worker have been obtained to cope with the increase in the volume of work.

In September 1972, two additional Assessment/Progress Classes were opened and these have now their full complement of children who have been assessed as being at serious risk educationally for psychological, emotional and social reasons. There are now 40 children in the Borough between the ages of 4 and 7 who in these Units are being helped to overcome their handicap and are under careful observation and assessment to ensure that they are later placed in the situation which is most beneficial for them.

There has been some delay in the opening of the new buildings of Pine Tree School and the School has moved to the larger temporary accommodation in Folly Gut which has enabled both numbers and the age range accommodated to be increased, a further stage in the development of this School.

An analysis of the work of the Clinic is made below:—

CASES REFERRED

Current cases, 1st January, 1972	105
To be reviewed	—
New Cases. 1972	95
Cases re-opened. 1972	1
	<u>201</u>

The new cases were referred from the following sources, through either the Director of Education or the Principal School Medical Officer:—

Head Teachers	46
Parents	15
Family Doctor	13
Medical Officer of Health	12
Director of Education	1
Consultant Psychiatrist	1
Social Services	2
Wimbrick Hey	2
School Welfare Dept.	1
Schools Remedial Service	1
Juvenile Court	1
Audiologist	1
	<u>96</u>

The disposal of the cases dealt with during the year falls under the following headings:—

Cases Closed During 1972	105
Improved	71
Report & Advice only	24
Left District	3
For Alternative Advice	2
To Wimbrick Hey	1
Left School	1
In Care	1
Residential Education	2
Current Cases at 1.1.73	96
Total	<u>201</u>

The diagnoses of new cases referred during 1972 are classified below:—

Behaviour Disorders	31
Delinquent Tendencies	11
Emotional Instability	24
School Refusal	5
Habit Disorders	7
Multiple Disorders	18
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New referrals by age to both the Child Guidance Clinic and the School Psychological Service, (i.e. registered cases.)

Age Group	Child Guidance
Pre School	1
First Tier	25
Middle Tier	45
Third Tier	24
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	95

Psychological Service

Age	Behaviour (not Referred To Psychiatist)	Educational (Registered)	Educational (Unregistered in School)	Wimbrick Hey
Pre School	1	35	-	-
First Tier	5	86	11	9
Middle Tier	3	46	2	41
Third Tier	1	12	-	30
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	10	179	13	80

EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE CLINIC (i.e. SCHOOLS PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE)

The new cases for Psychological Assessment and Advice were referred by the following:-

	Educational (Registered)	Educational (Unregistered)	Behavior (Not Referred to Pay- chiatrist)
Head Teachers	81	13	7
Medical Officer of Health	13	-	1
Speech Therapist	1	-	-
Consultant Psychiatrist	2	-	-
Parents	12	-	2
Cases Reviewed	50	-	-
Educational Psychologists	7	-	-
Family Doctors	3	-	-
Health Visitors	7	-	-
Physiotherapist	1	-	-
St. Catherines Hospital	1	-	-
Peripatetic Remedial Teacher	1	-	-
	<u>179</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>

The work of the Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Social Worker is set out in the following tables:-

Psychiatrist:

New Cases Diagnostic Interviews	95
Reopened Cases Interviews	1
Treatments	148
	<u>244</u>

Psychologist

Psychological Tests & Interviews (Registered Educ. & Psychiat)	231
Psychological Tests & Interviews (Unregistered Schools & Clinic)	13
Psychological Tests & Interviews (Wimbrick Hey)	80
Psychological Reports	299
School Visits	177
Parent Interviews	349

Social Worker Clinic Cases

Home Visits	1,126
Clinic Interviews	884
School Enquiries	339
Other	
Consultations	<u>1,102</u>
	<u>3,451</u>

Speech Therapy

The table which follows only refers to the work done from 1st June to 31st December, 1972.

Total number of children attended	277
No. of patients receiving regular treatment during this period	186
No. of patients receiving treatment at intervals during this period.	75
No. of patients seen for assessment	66
No treatment initiated	
No. of patients discharged	47
Classification of Patients Admitted	
Retarded speech and language development	134
Dyslalia	83
Stammer	23
Voice disorders	19
Normal non-fluency	18
Total	<u>277</u>

Classification of Waiting List

Under Review

I took up the appointment of Speech Therapist in June - there having been a gap of 10 months without a Speech Therapist in Wallasey. Consequently the list of children awaiting attention was extremely long - in all areas of Wallasey.

Mrs. Smith began work in September which had helped the waiting list in some areas of Wallasey to become at least more respectable.

Regular weekly sessions are held in Moreton, Leasowe, Water Street and Merton Road clinics. Sessions are also held in Claremount and Elleray Park schools. Treatment on an essentially advisory basis is carried out in Moreton Cross school and in the 4 assessment/progress units in the Borough.

Due to the size of the waiting list and its antiquity it has been necessary to review this completely. Thus many school visits have been done and will be done, in order to screen those children needing attention and to attempt to select and attend to the most urgent cases as soon as possible. All of this is time-consuming but very necessary on the long-term. Much has been attained since June this year, but it is becoming increasingly obvious that, in order to cope efficiently with the speech and language disorders of the children in Wallasey. The establishment of Speech Therapists will have to be increased to at least 3 full-time Speech Therapists; and until that position is reached then one can only skim the surface of the speech and language problems in Wallasey.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the staff of the School Health Service, the head teachers, teachers and parents of children treated for all help and co-operation during 1972.

June 1972 - December 1972

	Total
No. of patients receiving regular treatment	186
No. of patients seen periodically	75
Children seen for assessment where treatment was not necessary	66
No. of children discharged	47
Total No. of attendances	<u>374</u>

Nos. of children awaiting treatment cannot be included as (as mentioned) this is being reviewed.

Classification of Speech Defects

Retarded Speech & Language development	48%
Dyslalia	30%
Stammer and Non-fluency	15%
Voice Disorders	7%

Total No. of school children seen by the Speech Therapists in 1972 (i.e. from June 1972) - 211
(plus approx. 66 patients who were seen once and no further action was taken).

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS OR INTENDING
TEACHERS.-Min. of Education Circ.249 of 1952
Total Number Examined. 1972

Teachers					Intending Teachers				
Male	...	...	...	9	Male	...	...	...	20
Female	..	...		14	Female	...	...	...	81
				<u>23</u>					<u>101</u>
Total					Total				

School Meals Service

During the year 44 new staff were medically examined and X-rayed on entering the Service.

Minor Ailments Clinics

Minor Ailments Clinics are held at each of the School clinics as follows:—

Merton Road Clinic-Wednesday morning.

Water Street Clinic—Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings up to 10.0 a.m.

Moreton Clinic-Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings up to 10.0 a.m.

Hudson Road Clinic-Monday to Friday mornings up to 10.0 a.m.

A doctor is in attendance at Merton Road Clinic each Wednesday morning and at Water Street Clinic each Monday morning. A variety of minor ailments, such as infected ears, infected eyes, impetigo, cuts, burns, and warts are treated at these clinics, whilst at the doctors' sessions, medical and psychological problems, as distinct from the minor ailment, can be investigated and the appropriate advice or treatment given.

EXAMINATIONS OF CHILDREN FOR EMPLOYMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, HOLODAYS ABROAD, ETC.

Employment	..	..	..	..	..	..	90
Entertainment	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Holidays Abroad, etc.			..	..	..	..	3
							<hr/> 97

B.C.G. VACCINATION

No. of children offered (per parents)	
B.C.G. Vaccination	1,355
No. of children accepting (per parents)	
B.C.G. Vaccination	1,205
Percentage of Parents accepting vaccination	89.80
No. of children Mantoux tested	1,187
No. of children found Mantoux positive	18
Percentage of children Mantoux positive	1.51%
No. of children found Mantoux negative	1,169
No. of children vaccinated with B.C.G. Vaccine	1,147

SUMMARY OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE SCHOOL HEALTH VISITORS DURING THE YEAR 1971

Health Surveys and Infestation with Vermin

Health Surveys	117
No. of Clinics Sessions re Cleansing	135
No. of Examinations	34,870
No. of individual children found unclean	861

Home Visits

Cleanliness	725
Medical Treatment	161
Hospital References	8
Miscellaneous	298
Ineffective visits, i.e. No. Access	246

Other

Visits to Nursery School	9
Visits to Special Schools	23

ELLERAY PARK DAY SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED/DELICATE CHILDREN

The physically handicapped children are well provided for at Ellera Park Day Special School, and in order to cope with the problems of incontinence and lack of mobility which are a special feature of children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, the staff of the school includes a nurse and nursing auxiliary full-time, two nursery assistants who assist in the classrooms, and two house mothers who assist with toileting some of the children and bringing them from the classroom for physiotherapy. Many severely handicapped children are admitted from Birkenhead County Borough and a few from Cheshire County area, and the statistics below show the number involved. We are getting increasing pressure from child specialists and ear, nose and throat consultants to admit children to the school before they are five years of age, but at present the staffing position is such that this is not feasible.

During the year a total of 23 children were admitted to the school 16 being Wallasey children 6 from Birkenhead 1 Cheshire. The classification of their defects or diseases being as follows.

Wallasey Children

Fibroytic Disease	1
Epilepsy	2
Chronic Eczema & Asthma	4
Chronic Bronchitis	2
Muscular Dystrophy	1
Myelomeningoloele	1
Spina Bifida	1
Turners Syndrome	1
Talipes Subluxation Hips	1
Anorexia Nervosa	1
Retarded	1

Birkenhead Children

Spina Bifida	1
Chronic Bronchitis	1
Midtarsal Amputation	1
Leg Deformity	1
Muscular Dystrophy	1
Post Operative Brain Tumour	1

Cheshire Children

Tricuspid Stenosis	1
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During 1972 a total of 8 children left the school 4 being Wallasey Children 4 from Birkenhead for the following reasons:—

	Wallasey	Birkenhead	Cheshire
Attained 16 years of Age	4	3	-
Deceased	-	1	-

The total number of children in attendance at Elleray Park School as at the 25th January 1973 was 110 the classification of their defects or diseases is as follows cerebral palsy 14 Spina Bifida 21 Muscular Dystrophy 2 Haemophilia 1 Post Polio Myelitis 1 Heart Diseases Congenital & Rheumatic 10 Congenital Deformities of Limbs 3 other Physical Handicaps 29 Partially Sighted 1 Partially Hearing 2 Delicate 16 E.S.N. 1 Epileptic 8 of these 82 are Wallasey children 21 Birkenhead and 7 from Cheshire County.

Report of the Principal School Dental Officer.

Last year I referred in my annual report to the shortage of applicants for Dental Officer posts, and attributed this to the poor career structure, which has deterred the young married male graduate from making our service his career.

Following this report, and a useful visit by a dental officer from the Department of Education and Science, who was able to give some helpful criticisms, it was resolved by the Education Committee to implement the advice given.

I am pleased to report that by advertising for a dental officer at the upgraded level of Senior Dental Officer, an appointment was made, and the vacancy at the Leasowe Clinic was filled in February. It would be wishful thinking to assume that such a policy makes manpower easily available. Only one applicant applied for this post, and we shall be losing, through retirement, one of our long serving Dental Officer early next year, having completed over forty years service. An advertisement for this post has not, initially, had any response. It was further resolved to appoint Consultant Medical Anaesthetists. Naturally such help was not readily obtainable, but eventually three Consultants agreed to give one session per week each, and despite the constant need for emergency extractions, this has considerably reduced the number of anaesthetics given by myself this year and thereby increased the number of sessions devoted to restorative dentistry. Many teeth are extracted for orthodontic reasons, this is, in those cases of overcrowded mouths to correct the attendant malocclusions and, for those interested in statistics, 447 primary teeth and 157 permanent teeth should be taken off the total extraction figures to establish a more accurate filling extraction ratio.

Plans for the replacement of the Merton Road School Health Clinic have also been submitted to the Department and it is hoped that between 1974/75 a replacement clinic will be in operation. This will include a new dental suite containing adequate provision for the employment of ancillary staff. I hope that this will prove the beginning of a more flexible service, devoting more attention to preventative dentistry.

It may be thought that if staff is not easily recruited the need for accommodation in a new clinic is not too vital a problem. However, I take the view that accommodation needs do not alter according to the lack of applicants seeking employment by Wallasey Corporation or the future Area Hospital Authority after March 1974. So long as the caries rate remains at its present level the need for staff is going to continue and clinic provision, including equipment, must be available so that any suitable applicant can be offered immediate employment. The responsibility for providing the right attractive conditions of service, with suitable incentives for vacant posts, lies squarely with the employing Authority.

The increase in staff has naturally increased the treatment figures, but to achieve progress it is necessary to reduce the caries incidence and not to place undue emphasis on these figures. Every diseased tooth, whether extracted or filled, represents a failure to combat the most prevalent disease in the world. The need for amputation or artificial repair to any other part of a child's body would give rise to horror, but for some strange reason there exists an unconcern amounting to a defeatist resignation where teeth are concerned. Only when it is appreciated that the futile acrimonious debates on the pros and cons of fluoridation would be better employed in tackling the dietary and other preventative measures of caries control, will some progress be made. Fluoridation will come about in due course of time, despite the vociferous efforts of those who in past ages aroused fears and doubts when men such as Jenner had to contend with similar difficulties.

Meantime, 80% of dental caries could be controlled by the expenditure of preventative measures such as providing free toothbrushes and toothpaste to toddlers and school-children, implementing school meals with fresh fruit, celery or other fibrous acceptable foodstuffs. The results would eventually be far less costly and much more pleasant than dental treatment, and provide a positive benefit to our children and future generation.

I would like to end my report by including three extracts from other sources which I hope may give rise to thought:—

- (1) The administrative and treatment cost of 17,000 fillings has been estimated at £40,000.
- (2) A recent advertisement for a dental officer post in a part of the country naturally fluoridated includes these words - "The resultant low caries rate makes dentistry much more pleasant".

(3) A recent advertisement for a dental officer post in the City of Birmingham now receiving fluoride added to its water supply. "The is an area where fluoridation is having a marked impact on the dental health of young children bringing with it the prospect of carrying out rewarding concervative dentistry".

I wish to record my personal sorrow at the loss of Dr. Hall, to whom fluoridation was a major public health preventative measure. I welcome the appointment of Mr. Nelson as Health Education Officer, and thank him for his work on our behalf. The newly appointed Borough Architect, Mr. Shaw, has been most helpful in ensuring that adequate dental facilities will be available in the future new clinic. Finally, I thank all those members of Committees having concern for our service and the staff of both Public Health and Education Department, associated in our work, for their help and co-operation during the year.

MEDICAL INSPECTION. 1972

MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

PART I-MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING NURSERY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

TABLE A.-PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Number of pupils on register 17,693

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth)	No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
		Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No.	% of Col.2	No.	% of Col.2
		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1968 and Later	42	42	100.00	-	-
1967	486	486	100.00	-	-
1966	992	992	100.00	-	-
1965	99	99	100.00	-	-
1964	63	63	100.00	-	-
1963	46	46	100.00	-	-
1962	36	36	100.00	-	-
1961	671	671	100.00	-	-
1960	702	701	99.75	1	.25%
1959	212	212	100.00	-	-
1958	16	16	100.00	-	-
1957 and Earlier	1,080	1,080	100.00	-	-
Total	4,445	4,444	99.75	1	.25%

TABLE B.-PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT AT PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS (excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin)

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth)	For defective vision (excluding squint)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Part II	Total individual pupils
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1968 and Later	1	25	18
1967	21	151	112
1966	48	341	273
1965	7	46	31
1964	5	32	24
1963	6	21	15
1962	4	7	8
1961	62	185	179
1960	44	173	158
1959	12	74	49
1958	4	5	4
1957 and Earlier	202	165	257
Total	416	1,225	1,128

TABLE C.-OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	...	986
Number of Re-inspections	...	..	...	438
Total				<u>1,444</u>

TABLE D.-INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	...	...	...	...	34,870
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	...	...	...	...	861
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	...	...			-
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	...	...			-

PART II-DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION
DURING THE YEAR

PART II TABLE A.-PERIODIC INSPECTIONS

Defect or Disease (2)	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS							
	Entrants		Leavers		Others		Total	
	(T) (3)	(O) (4)	(T) (5)	(O) (6)	(T) (7)	(O) (8)	(T) (9)	(O) (10)
Skin	42	50	50	112	66	66	158	228
Eyes-(a) Vision	65	81	206	55	95	98	366	234
(b) Squint	46	40	11	2	17	13	74	55
(c) Other	7	11	3	12	9	9	19	32
Ears-(a) Hearing	22	80	6	21	16	43	44	144
(b) Otitis Media	8	37	5	27	4	12	17	76
(c) Other	11	19	12	3	3	13	26	35
Nose and Throat	30	364	3	146	22	176	55	686
Speech	21	47	2	4	6	29	29	80
Lymphatic Glands	2	213	1	53	-	31	3	297
Heart	7	11	1	6	4	15	12	32
Lungs	31	44	7	14	15	22	53	80
Developmental-								
(a) Hernia	7	5	2	5	3	8	12	18
(b) Other	31	69	7	34	34	79	72	182
Othopaedic-								
(a) Posture	3	6	4	15	6	10	13	31
(b) Feet	120	156	33	76	84	104	237	336
(c) Other	35	28	13	25	22	27	70	80
Nervous System-								
(a) Epilepsy	9	4	2	-	3	6	14	10
(b) Other	2	2	2	7	1	7	5	16
Psychological-								
(a) Development	2	27	1	26	3	34	6	87
(b) Stability	24	95	2	14	16	57	42	166
Abdomen	1	13	3	1	2	10	6	24
Other	2	1	-	20	1	5	3	26

PART II TABLE B.—SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Defect or Disease	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
	Pupils requiring Treatment	Pupils requiring Observation
Skin	22(393)*	-
Eyes-(a) Vision	34	-
(b) Squint	11	-
(c) Other	20	1
Ears-(a) Hearing	8	-
(b) Otitis Media	1	-
(c) Other	45	-
Nose and Throat	10	-
Speech	14	-
Lymphatic Glands	-	-
Heart	-	-
Lungs	3	-
Developmental-		
(a) Hernia	2	-
(b) Other	-	-
Orthopaedic-		
(a) Posture	11	-
(b) Feet	42	1
(c) Other	21	-
Nervous System-		
(a) Epilepsy	3	-
(b) Other	-	-
Psychological-		
(a) Development	-	-
(b) Stability	3	-
Abdomen	4	-
Other	57	-

* No. of pupils found to require treatment for Warts or Verrucae and the majority of these cases were treated with carbon dioxide snow.

TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING NURSERY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

PART III TABLE A.-EYE DISEASE AND DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT.

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	515
Errors of refraction (including squint)	3,196
Total	3,711
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	772

TABLES B.—DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE
AND THROAT

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment—	
(a) for diseases of the ear	-
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	49
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	2
Received other forms of treatment	43
Total	<u>94</u>

Hearing Tests—Undertaken by Audiometrician—	
New Cases	418
Re-tests	380
Cases referred to School M.O. ...	251
Cases referred to own doctor ...	2
Cases referred to consultants ...	64
Total	<u>1,115</u>

Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids—	
(a) in 1972	7
(b) in previous years	44

TABLE C.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

	Number of cases known to have been treated
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out- patient department	1,066
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects	32
Total	<u>1,098</u>

TABLE D.—DISEASES OF THE SKIN
(excluding uncleanliness, for which Table D of Part I)

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Ringworm—(a) Scalp	10
(b) Body	1
Scabies	4
Impetigo	37
Other skin diseases	40
Total	<u>92</u>

TABLE E.-CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics	139

TABLE F.-SPEECH THERAPY

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Received regular treatment	186
Received treatment at irregular intervals	75
Total pupils treated by Speech Therapist	<u>261</u>

TABLE G.-OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
(a) Pupils with minor ailments ...	1,686
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements	2
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination	1,147
(d) Pupils who received Hospital in-patient treatment-	
Medical	194
Surgical	48
Orthopaedic	13
Total (a)-	<u>3,090</u>

PART IV.-DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED OUT BY THE AUTHORITY

ATTENDANCES AND TREATMENT

	Ages 5 to 9	Ages 10 to 14	Ages 15 and over	Total
First Visits	1,630	1,579	365	3,574
Subsequent visits	2,029	2,859	606	5,494
Total visits	3,659	4,438	971	9,068
Additional course of treatment commenced	224	231	18	473
Total courses of treat- ment commenced	1,854	1,810	383	4,047
Courses of treatment completed				3,310
Fillings in permanent teeth	1,582	3,440	1,072	6,094
Fillings in deciduous teeth	898	137	-	1,025
Permanent teeth filled	1,165	2,774	912	4,851
Deciduous teeth filled	809	117	-	926
Permanent teeth extracted	182	688	183	1,053
Deciduous teeth extracted	1,945	738	-	2,683
General anaesthetics	1,108	731	124	1,963
Emergencies	177	146	37	360

Number of Pupils x-rayed	...	...	...	250
Prophylaxis	...	...	...	1,126
Teeth otherwise conserved	...	...	...	158
Number of teeth root filled	...	...	...	6
Inlays	...	...	...	2
Crowns	...	...	...	0

ORTHODONTICS

New cases commenced during year	...	39
Cases completed during year	...	26
Cases discontinued during year	...	2
No. of removable appliances fitted	...	50
No. of fixed appliances fitted	...	0
Pupils referred to Hospital Consultant	...	55

PROSTHETICS

	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 and over	Total
Pupils supplied with F.U. or F.L. (first time) ...	-	-	-	-
Pupils supplied with other dentures (first time)	3	16	6	25
Number of dentures supplied	3	23	7	33

ANAESTHETICS

General Anaesthetics administered by Dental Officers 269

INSPECTIONS

(a) First inspection at school	Number of Pupils	13,922
(b) First inspection at clinic	Number of Pupils	2,098
Number of (a) + (b) found to require treatment		7,127
Number of (a) + (b) offered treatment	...	7,124
(c) Pupils re inspected at school clinic	...	711
Number of (c) found to require treatment		637

SESSIONS

Sessions devoted to treatment	...	1,381
Sessions devoted to inspection	...	134
Sessions devoted to Dental Health Education		-

Minor Ailments and other Clinics

Monday	(a.m.)	Child Welfare Centre, Oakenholt Rd., Moreton	Minor Ailments
		Child Welfare Centre, Water Street, Wallasey	Minor Ailments and S.M.O.'s Clinic
		Health Clinic, Hudson Road, Leasowe ...	Minor Ailments
	(p.m.)	School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey	Ophthalmic Clinic 2nd and 4th only (Mr. E. Edwards by appointment only)
Tuesday	(a.m.)	School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey ...	Ophthalmic Clinic (Mr. E. Edwards by appointment only)
		Health Clinic, Hudson Road, Leasowe ...	Minor Ailments
	(p.m.)	-	-
Wednesday	(a.m.)	School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey ...	S.M.O.'s Clinic Minor Ailments
		Child Welfare Centre, Oakenholt Rd., Moreton	Minor Ailments
		Health Clinic, Hudson Road, Leasowe ...	Minor Ailments
		Child Welfare Centre, Water Street, Wallasey	Minor Ailments
	(p.m.)	School Clinic Merton Road, Wallasey ...	Immunisation (1st Wednesday each month)

Thursday	(a.m.)	<p>Child Welfare Centre, Oakenholt Rd., Moreton</p> <p>Health Clinic, Hudson Road, Leasowe ...</p>	<p>Ophthalmic Clinic (Mr. Edwards 1st Thursday by appointment only)</p> <p>Minor Ailments</p>
	(p.m.)	-	-
Friday	(a.m.)	<p>School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey ...</p> <p>Child Welfare Centre, Oakenholt Rd., Moreton</p> <p>Child Welfare Centre, Water Street, Wallasey Health Clinic, Hudson Road, Leasowe ...</p>	<p>Ophthalmic Clinic (Mr. Edwards 2nd, 4th & 5th by appointment only)</p> <p>Ophthalmic Clinic (Mr. Edwards 3rd Friday by appointment only) Minor Ailments</p> <p>Minor Ailments</p> <p>Ophthalmic Clinic (Mr. Edwards 1st Friday by appointment only) Minor Ailments</p>
	(p.m.)	<p>School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey ... Health Clinic, Hudson Road, Leasowe ...</p> <p>Child Welfare Centre, Oakenholt Rd., Moreton</p>	<p>S.M.O.'s Clinic (1st, 3rd & 5th Friday) Immunisation (3rd Friday each month)</p> <p>Immunisation (2nd & 4th Friday each month)</p>

Speech Therapy Clinics

Monday	(a.m.) (p.m.)	Moreton Clinic Elleray Park School	Leasowe & New Brighton Assess Units Schools
Tuesday	(a.m.) (p.m.)	Victoria Central Hospital	Merton Road Clinic Moreton Cross School
Wednesday	(a.m.) (p.m.)	Merton Road Clinic Elleray Park School	Hudson Road Clinic
Thursday	(a.m.) (p.m.)	Victoria Central Hospital	Claremount School Merton Road
Friday	(a.m.) (p.m.)	Moreton Clinic Eastway & Park Assess Units	Water Street Clinic

Physiotherapy Clinics

Monday	(a.m.) (p.m.)	Elleray Park Special School Wallasey. (Individual Treatments) School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey (U.V.L. and Individual Treatments) School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey. (Individual Treatments) Health Clinic, Oakenholt Rd. Moreton (U.V.L. and Remedial Exercises)
Tuesday	(a.m.) (p.m.)	Moreton Cross Special School (Individual Treatments) Health Clinic, Oakenholt Road, Moreton. (Remedial Exercises & Individual Treatments) Elleray Park Special School, Wallasey (Individual Treatments)
Wednesday	(a.m.) (p.m.)	Elleray Park Special School, Wallasey (Individual Treatments) Elleray Park Special School, Wallasey (Individual Treatments) School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey (Individual Treatments)
Thursday	(a.m.) (p.m.)	Orthopaedic Specialist Clinic, School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey. Health Clinic, Oakenholt Road, Moreton (U.V.L. and Individual Treatments) Moreton Cross Special School (Individual Treatments)
Friday	(a.m.) (p.m.)	School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey (U.V.L. and Individual Treatments) Elleray Park Special School, Wallasey. (Individual Treatments) School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey. (Individual Treatments) Elleray Park Special School, Wallasey. (Individual Treatments)

School Dental Clinics

Monday	(a.m.)	Child Welfare Centre, Water Street, Wallasey. Child Welfare Centre, Oakenholt Road, Moreton. Child Welfare Centre, Hudson Road, Leasowe. School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey.
	(p.m.)	As Monday a.m.
Tuesday	(a.m.)	Child Welfare Centre, Water Street, Wallasey. School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey.
	(p.m.)	Child Welfare Centre, Oakenholt Road, Moreton. Child Welfare Centre, Water Street, Wallasey. School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey. Child Welfare Centre, Oakenholt Road, Moreton. Child Welfare Centre, Hudson Road, Leasowe.
Wednesday	(a.m.)	Child Welfare Centre, Water Street, Wallasey. School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey. Child Welfare Centre, Oakenholt Road, Moreton. Child Welfare Centre, Hudson Road, Leasowe.
	(p.m.)	As Wednesday a.m.
Thursday	(a.m.)	School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey. Child Welfare Centre, Oakenholt Road, Moreton. Child Welfare Centre, Hudson Road, Leasowe.
	(p.m.)	Child Welfare Centre, Water Street, Wallasey. School Clinic, Merton Road, Wallasey. Child Welfare Centre, Oakenholt Road, Moreton. Child Welfare Centre, Hudson Road, Leasowe.
Friday	(a.m.)	As Thursday p.m.
	(p.m.)	As Thursday p.m.

CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

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Handicapped Pupils - Year 1972

Year Ended 31st December, 1972	Blind	Partially Sighted	Deaf	Partially Deaf	Physically Handicapped	Delicate	Mal-adjusted	E.S.N.	Epileptic	Speech Defects	Total
(1) Newly assessed as needing special Educational Treatment at Special Schools or Boarding Homes	-	1	-	1	11	1	10	30	3	-	57
(2) Newly placed in Special Schools or Boarding Homes	-	2	1	3	8	1	6	38	3	-	62
(3) As at 31st January, 1971 Pupils on Registers of Maintained Special Schools:- (a) Day Pupils (b) Boarding Pupils	- -	1 -	4 1	9 -	65 1	15 -	15 1	175 7	8 -	1 -	293 10
(4) Pupils on Registers of Non-Maintained Special Schools:- (a) Day Pupils (b) Boarding Pupils	1 1	3 4	3 2	- 2	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	7 10
(5) On the Registers of Independent Schools under arrangements made by the Authority	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	6	-	-	15
(6) Pupils requiring places in Special Schools:- Total (3-5) (a) Day (b) Boarding	3 - -	8 - -	10 - -	11 - -	67 1 -	15 - -	25 - -	188 - -	8 - -	1 - -	335 1 -
(7) Pupils being educated under the provisions of Sec. 56 of the Education Act, 1944:- (a) In Hospitals (b) At Home	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 3	- -	- 2	- -	- -	- -	- 5

